

Light weight helicopter machine gun development for small helicopters - Army

**Proposed Recipient:** ATK

**Address of Recipient:** ATK Medium Caliber Systems; 3309 North Reseda Circle; Mesa, AZ 85215

**Amount of Request:** \$3 Million.

**Explanation of Request**

**Purpose:** To provide increased lethality against a greater number and variety of target sets compared to legacy .50 cal systems. The LW25 Chain Gun is a derivative of the highly successful and widely employed 25mm and 30mm Chain Guns currently fielded on Bradley Fighting Vehicles, USMC LAVs, AH-64 Apache helicopters, and other platforms. Key capabilities the LW25 offers is low weight, soft recoil and a dual feed loading systems capable of handling training, high explosive and airburst ammunition.

**Why is it a good use of Taxpayer funds:** Increased firepower using the existing fleet of helicopters.